

Grants for Demonstration Projects in High-Performance Design using LEED®

Rebuild Colorado, a program of the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC), offers assistance to **Colorado state agencies or higher education** institutions to help design new buildings that will save year after year on utility costs, yet that are more comfortable, durable, and affordable to build. A limited number of grants of up to **\$20,000** each are available for the grant recipient to hire a high-performance design specialist who will facilitate an integrated design process and oversee the LEED approach. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, is a consensus-based national standard for designing high-performance, sustainable buildings. (See <http://www.usgbc.org/> for more information about LEED.)

Rebuild Colorado seeks projects with the following characteristics:

Scope and Timeline

- Building will be for a state agency, college or university
- Design will be for a new building, major addition, or large-scale renovation
- Project size is at least 40,000 square feet
- Funding is already secured for construction, or a firm plan is in place to achieve funding
- Design is in the earliest stage (pre-design stage or earlier)
- Construction is planned to begin soon after design

Commitment

- Decision-makers agree to establish LEED as a desired goal and submit a LEED scorecard
- An internal champion is identified to coordinate the effort
- The design team is committed to using an integrated design approach and to follow LEED
- Decision-makers are willing to set an energy use target of 20% lower than required by code, and consider energy efficient and environmentally sensitive alternatives,
- Commissioning will be incorporated as a standard part of the construction process and grantees will submit their Commissioning Plan

Potential for Success

- Likely success of applying LEED principles (LEED certification is desired, but not required)
- Strong chance of successful results (experienced design team, strong commitment)
- Owner is planning to build additional buildings that will likely incorporate the LEED process

Demonstration Potential

- First-time use of the LEED approach
- Type of building is representative of potential new buildings in Colorado
- Building will be open to the public and owner is willing to publicly share project results

Please share your project idea with us for potential grant funding:

- Contact name, institution name, address, phone, fax, e-mail.
- Brief project overview addressing the points above, including project budget and schedule.

Send to:

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Projects will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.